



Cleveland National Forest

Forest Service News Release

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Cleveland Reinstates General Fire Restrictions

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — December 17, 2021. The Cleveland National Forest will be lifting elevated fire restrictions and lowering the fire danger level from “Extreme” to “Very High.” Starting Friday, December 17th, general fire restrictions will be in place across the Forest. Under general restrictions, wood and charcoal fires will be allowed in developed campgrounds and picnic areas where steel fire rings and stoves are provided.

Recent precipitation has resulted in a decline in fire activity and increased fuel moisture levels on the Forest, prompting the change to fire restrictions. Cleveland National Forest Fire Chief Michael Nobles said, “We are glad to allow once again campers and picnickers to build campfires and use charcoal barbecues in our developed recreation sites.” “Fire managers will continue to assess fire danger in the coming months and modify restrictions as needed.”

Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable lantern or stove with a shut-off switch, using jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel outside developed areas. Review the complete list of [General Fire Restrictions](#) on our website.

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